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For: OPTICAL PICK-UP APPARATUS)
ACHIEVING HIGH NUMERICAL)
APERTURE, OPTICAL CONVERGING)
SYSTEM THEREFOR, AND)
RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING)
METHOD UTILIZING THEM)

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Sir:

CITATION OF PRIOR ART UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.501

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.501 and 35 U.S.C. § 301, the patent owner submits herewith
copies of the following documents for placement in the file of the above-identified patent:

European Search Report

WO 98/49675

EP 1 030 294 A2

EP 0 994 469 A2

EP 0 517 491 A2

Ning, Alex, Ph.D., "Plastic vs. Glass Optics: Factors to Consider", Part of SPIE
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The above-listed documents are considered pertinent and applicable to the above-captioned patent because they were cited in the attached European Search Report as prior art to the European patent application related to the above-captioned patent.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents be made of record and placed in the file for the above-captioned patent.

The Commission is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees associated with this paper to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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